



## Wisconsin TB Quick Facts



- During year 2003, over half of the TB cases in Wisconsin were in persons born outside the United States. These individuals come to Wisconsin as students, workers, tourists, immigrants and refugees from areas of the world where TB rates are very high (Mexico, India, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines).
- There were 66 reported cases of active tuberculosis disease in Wisconsin during year 2003. This is a decrease from previous years when Wisconsin had over 100 cases per year.
- The national goal for TB Elimination is 1 case per 1 million population. Wisconsin has to go from 66 cases (year 2003) to 5 or 6 cases per year to reach this goal.
- TB medications in the United States are expensive. The medications cost about \$3000 per person with active tuberculosis disease and \$100 per person with latent tuberculosis infection. The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program expects to spend approximately \$200,000 (state tax dollars) this year on TB medications alone.
- An estimated 250,000 people in Wisconsin are infected with the TB bacteria.

